MYSORE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

Tuesday, 12th March 1968.

The House met in the Assembly Chamber, Vidhana Soudha, Bangalore, at One of the Clock.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER (SRI D. MANJUNATH) in the Chair.

STARRED QUESTIONS

(to which oral answers were given)

Penalty collected under amended Corporation Act

157. Sri T. R. SHAMANNA (Fort).—

Will the Minister for Home and Municipal Administration be pleased to state :—

the total penalty collected so far in 1966-67 under the amended Corporation Act ?

A.—Sri R. M. PATIL (Minister for Home and Municipal Administration).—

Rs. 2,26,456.25 P.

Sri T. R. SHAMANNA.—May I know from the Hon'ble Minister what is the demand under property tax for the year 1966-67 ?

Sri R. M. PATIL.—I do not know exactly the demand. But the the recovery so far as up to the end of December is Rs. 1,32,14,096.

Sri T. R. SHAMANNA.—Against collection of Rs. 1,32,14,096, a penalty of Rs. 2,26,456-25 is received. This penalty is levied on advance tax. Is it not unreasonable to collect penalty on tax payable in advance ?

Sri R. M. PATIL.—That has been collected according to law.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಂ. ಎಸ್. ಕೃಷ್ಣನ್.—ಸ್ವಾಮಿ, ಈ ತರಹದ ದಂಡವನ್ನು ಹೆಚ್ಚಾಗಿ ವಸೂಲು ಮಾಡುತ್ತಿರುವುದರಿಂದ ತೆರಿಗೆ ಕೊಡುತ್ತಿರುವವರಿಗೆ ಬಹಳ ಕಷ್ಟವಾಗಿದೆ ಮತ್ತು ಕೆಲವರಿಗೆ ತೆರಿಗೆ ಕೊಡುವುದನ್ನು ತಪ್ಪಿಸಿಕೊಳ್ಳುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಸಾಧ್ಯವಿದೆ ಎಂಬುದು ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಗಮನಕ್ಕೆ ಬಂದಿರುವೆ ? ಮತ್ತು ಈ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಜನರಿಂದ ಮನವಿಗಳು ಬಂದಿರುವೆ ? ಬಂದಿದ್ದರೆ ಏನು ಕ್ರಮ ತೆಗೆದು ಕೊಂಡಿದ್ದೀರಿ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಆರ್. ಎಂ. ಪಾಟೀಲ್.—ಮನವಿಗಳು ಬಂದಿವೆ. ಆ ಮನವಿಗಳನ್ನು ನೋಡಿದ್ದರಲ್ಲಿ ಕಾನೂನಿಗೆ ವಿರುದ್ಧವಾದಂಥ ಅಂತಗಳೇನೂ ಇರಲಿಲ್ಲವಾದ್ದರಿಂದ, ಆ ಮನವಿಗಳ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಯಾವ ಕ್ರಮವನ್ನೂ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳಬಾರದೆಂದು ನಿರ್ಣಯಾವಾಗಿದೆ.

Sri S. S. SHETTAR.—Is it not a fact that this penalty is levied more on poor people ?

Sri R. M. PATIL.—Not so. Poor people always pay in time. They are more prompt.

Sri C. K. RAJAIAH SHETTY.—Is it not a fact that some exemptions are also given for many people ?

Sri R. M. PATIL.—So far as exemptions are concerned, whether they are given or not, that information is not with me.

Sri M. MALLAPPA.—What is the rate of penalty levied in this behalf ?

Sri R. M. PATIL.—According to law it is 5 per cent. It is not exorbitant. It is preseribed under Statute.

Sri T. R. SHAMANNA.—Recently an enactment was passed empowering the Commissioner to exempt; on what basis are these exemptions granted ?

Sri R. M. PATIL.—If there is sufficient reason to satisfy that the delay in paying is due to some substantial reason, then only the penalty can be waived.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಂ. ಎಸ್. ಕೃಷ್ಣನ್.—ಈ ಪೆನಾಲ್ಟಿ ವಿಷಯದಲ್ಲಿ ಕೆಲವು ಎಗ್ಜೆಂಪ್ಷ್ ಕೊಟ್ಟಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಅದರಲ್ಲಿ ಅನೇಕರು ಕಾಂಗ್ರೆಸ್ ಕಾರ್ಪೊರೇಟರ್ಸ್ ಮತ್ತು ಶ್ರೀಮಂತರು ಆಗಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಅಂಥವರಿಗೆ ಮಾತ್ರ ಎಗ್ಜೆಂಪ್ಷ್ ಕೊಟ್ಟಿದ್ದಾರೆ, ಜೆನ್ಯುಯಿನ್ ಕೇಸಸ್‌ಗೆ ಕೊಟ್ಟಿಲ್ಲ. ಈ ರೀತಿ ಕೊಟ್ಟಿಲ್ಲ ವೆಂದು ತಮ್ಮ ಗಮನಕ್ಕೆ ಬಂದಿದೆಯೇ ?

Sri R. M. PATIL.—It is not so, Sir.

Sri AZEEZ SAIT.—Can you tell me the number of persons on whom penalty has been imposed ?

Sri R. M. PATIL.—I cannot say, Sir. That information is not with me.

Sri T. R. SHAMANNA.—I had specifically asked for the total amount of tax exempted; this item has been omitted in the answer; will the Hon'ble Minister be pleased to say what is the total amount so far exempted ?

Sri R. M. PATIL.—It can be said that no tax has been exempted.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER.—Since the Hon'ble Minister is not present, Question No 158 will be taken up afterwards. Next question.

Stand-by Power Channel in Sharavathy Project

159. Sri K. H. SRINIVASA (Sagar).—

Will the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether it is proposed to construct a stand-by Power Channel in the Sharavathy Project;